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BEE AND HONEY REPORT



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This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey* conducted during the first part of January 2005 for obtaining information on bee colonies, honey production, sales and price for 2004. The data for the past ten years are posted on our web site at the Internet address above and more detailed U.S. report is available on the NASS web site at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or telephone interview for the survey.

2004 HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 24 PERCENT

ARKANSAS: Honey production during 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.3 million pounds, down 24 percent from 2003. The state ranked 18th in the nation for honey production, down from 17th in 2003. There were 40,000 colonies producing honey in 2004, unchanged from the previous year.

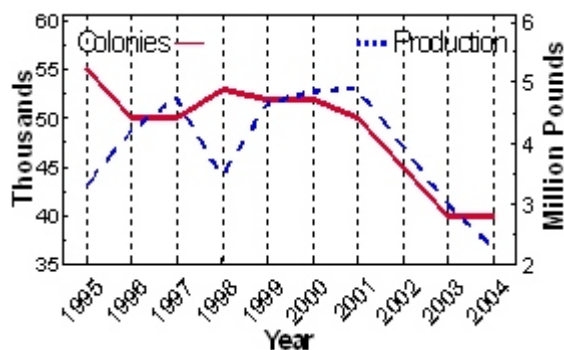
Yield per colony averaged 57 pounds, down 18 pounds from 2003. **Honey stocks** held by producers on December 15, 2004 were 388,000 pounds, down 52 percent. **Average honey price** decreased to \$0.90 from \$1.26 in 2003. **The value of production** totaled \$2.05 million, down 46 percent from the previous year.

NUMBER OF COLONIES, YIELD, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, PRICE AND VALUE ¹ ARKANSAS AND U. S., 2003 AND 2004

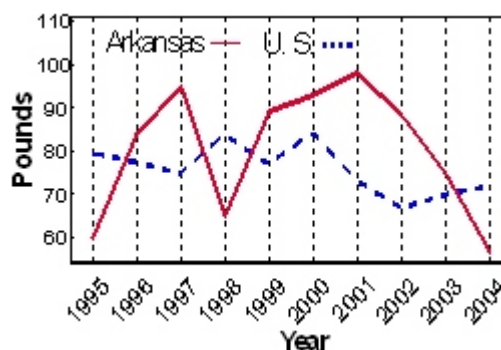
Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
Honey Producing Colonies ²	1,000	40	40	0	2,599	2,556	-2
Yield per Colony	Pounds	75	57	-24	70	71.8	+3
Production	1,000 Pounds	3,000	2,280	-24	181,727	183,582	+1
Stocks on December 15 ³	1,000 Pounds	810	388	-52	40,785	61,222	+50
Average Price per Pound ⁴	Dollars	1.26	0.90	-29	1.387	1.085	-22
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	3,780	2,052	-46	253,106	201,790	-20

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state.
³ Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program. ⁴ Prices weighted by sales.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production
Arkansas, 1995-2004



Yield per Colony
Arkansas, and U.S., 1995-2004



TOP 10 HONEY PRODUCTION STATES, 2003-2004

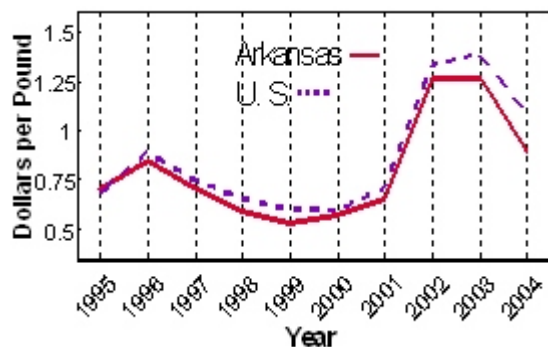
2004 Rank	State	Production			2004 Rank	State	Production		
		2003	2004	% Chg.			2003	2004	% Chg.
		1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
		Percent					Percent		
1	N. Dakota	29,580	30,420	+3	7	Texas	9,380	8,816	-6
2	S. Dakota	15,050	22,575	+50	8	Idaho	4,600	6,300	+37
3	Florida	14,910	20,090	+35	9	Wisconsin	5,698	5,848	+3
4	California	32,160	17,550	-45	10	Nebraska	3,330	4,539	+36
5	Montana	9,570	10,780	+13					
6	Minnesota	9,960	10,125	+2	18	Arkansas	3,000	2,280	-24

HONEY PRICE BY COLOR CLASS¹, UNITED STATES, 2003-2004

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-Op and Private			Retail			All Sales		
	2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.
	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Dollars per Pound</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Water White, Extra White, and White	1.411	1.095	-22	1.858	1.728	-7	1.435	1.211	-16
Extra Light Amber	1.326	0.985	-26	1.808	1.749	-3	1.365	1.043	-24
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	1.249	0.846	-32	1.926	1.905	-1	1.318	1.006	-24
All Other Honey: Area Specialties - Sourwood, Tupelo, Buckwheat, etc. (Honey not included in any of the above color classes)	1.112	1.094	-2	2.466	2.795	+ 13	1.335	1.647	+ 23
All Honey	1.347	1.015	-25	1.885	1.887	0	1.387	1.085	-22

¹Price by color class available for U.S. only. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level.

**Average Price per Pound
Arkansas and U.S., 1995 - 2004**



**Value of Honey
Arkansas and U.S., 1995 - 2004**

